

allowed and paid for the same, with all necessary expences, by the Treasurers, or either of them, when passed by the executive power of government.

Whereas it appears, by the report of the committee of Accounts, that there is at this time in the hands of Matthew Lock, Esq. the sum of 2986 l. 13 s. 9 d. halfpenny, belonging to the public; it is therefore *Resolved*, That the said Matthew Lock do pay unto such of the soldiers who enlisted with Col. Alexander Martin in the second regiment, and who actually served the full time of their enlistment, or at least six months thereof, and now discharged, the sum of 40 s. each as a bounty, the same never having been paid them; and that Mr. Lock also pay off all arrears to those soldiers, and who are now in the counties of Rowan, Surry, Guilford and Anson; and that the soldiers now in actual service with Col. Martin at Cape Fear, be paid their bounty money and arrears by the Paymaster General, and the balance remaining be paid by the said Matthew Lock to the militia officers and soldiers in Rowan county.

On motion, *Resolved*, The House resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration a civil temporary Constitution.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House accordingly, and chose John Campbell, Esq. Chairman; and after some time spent therein, came to sundry resolutions. Then, on motion, Mr. President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Chairman reported as follows, to wit:

*Resolved*, That this Congress choose by ballot one person, and each district two persons, who shall serve as a Council of Safety for this Colony from the end of this session until the meeting of the next Congress; and that no person holding any military office from which he receives or expects profit, nor any person holding a lucrative office under any military commanders in particular, or the army in general, shall be capable to act as a member of the said council, officers and commanders of the militia only excepted.

*Resolved*, That from the end of this present session, for and during the time aforesaid; the said Council of Safety, or a majority of them, shall be vested with full power and authority to do and execute all acts and things necessary for the defence and protection of the people of this Colony; provided that their power shall not extend to alter, suspend, or abrogate any resolution of this or any former Congress, or to emit any bills of credit, or levy any taxes on the people, or impose any duties or imposts on goods or merchandize to be imported or exported, or give orders to draw on the Continental Treasury, or to erect any office or offices, courts or jurisdictions, or to try, adjudge, or condemn, any person or persons, for any offence civil or criminal, except where expressly permitted by resolve of this Congress.

*Resolved*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to prevent the said Council of Safety from examining and committing any person or persons who may be accused on oath of practices inimical to America, or to restrain any person or persons from departing this Colony by Sea.

*Resolved*, That the said Council of Safety be impowered to direct the Treasurers of this Colony, on any urgent exigency, to draw on the Continental Treasury, on the account and credit of this Colony, for any sums not exceeding 30,000 l. in the whole.